

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1700**  
**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 10993.0273

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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OMORI, Akihiro et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1777
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Application No.: 10/582,339	)	Examiner: Dirk R. BASS
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Filed: June 9, 2006	)	
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For: Porous Formed Article and Method	)	Confirmation No.: 4988
for Production Thereof	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND SUBMISSION**  
**FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This reply is filed in response to the final Office action mailed November 16, 2010. The reply constitutes the submission for the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.